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(57) Abstract

Compounds selected from those of general formula (A-B (Groups I and II)) and (group III), (1, 2 and 3) where B is (4) and A is selected from specified aminoacyl compounds are inhibitors of DP-IV mediated processes.

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- 1 DP-IV-SERINE PROTEASE INHIBITORS

Background

DP-IV (EC 3.4.14.5) is a membrane-bound serine protease first identified in rat kidney by its ability to cleave dipeptides from the N-terminus of certain peptides (Hopsu-Havu, V.K. and Glenner, G.G., Histochemie, 1966, $\underline{7}$, 197). The dipeptides must be of the type X-Pro or X-Ala where X = any amino acid. X-Proline is more efficiently cleaved than X-Ala.

DP-IV is widely distributed in mammalian dissues and is found in great abundance in the kidney, intestinal epithelium and placenta (Yaron, A. and Naider, F., Critical Reviews in Biochem. Mol. Biol. 1993, 28 (1), 31). In the human immune system the enzyme is expressed almost exclusively by activated T-lymphocytes of the CD4+ type where the enzyme has been shown to be synonymous with the cell-surface antigen CD26.

The exact role of DP-IV in human physiology is not completely understood but recent research has shown that the enzyme clearly has a major role in human physiology and pathophysiology, eg.

(a) The immune response: DP-IV expression is increased in T-cells upon mitogenic or antigenic stimulation (Mattern, T. et al., Second. J. Immunol. 1991, 53, 737). It has been reported that inhibitors of DP-IV and antibodies to DP-IV suppress the proliferation of mitogen- and antigen-stimulated T-cells in a dose-dependant manner (Schön, E. et al., Biol. Chem. Hoppe-Seyler, 1991, 372, 305 and refs. within).

Various other functions of T-lymphocytes such as cytokine production, IL-2 mediated ceil proliferation and B-ceil helper activity have been shown to be dependant on DP-IV activity (Schön, E. et al., Seand, J. Immunol, 1989, 29, 127). Recently, DP-IV inhibitors based on boroproline where reported (Flentke, G.R. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 1991, 83, 1556) which, although unstable, were effective in inhibiting antigen-induced lymphocyte proliferation and IL-2 production in murine CD4+ T-helper cells. Such boronic acid inhibitors have been shown to have an effect in vivo in mice causing suppression of antibody production induced by immune challenge (Kubota, T. et al., Clin. Exp. Immunol. 1992, 89, 192). Other recent papers also provide evidence for the involvement of DP-IV in the immune response (eg. Tanaka, T. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. NY, 1993, 90, 4586; Hegen, M. et al., Cell Immun. 1993, 146, 249; Subtamanyan, M. et al., J. Immunol. 1993, 150, 2544).

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The importance of DP-IV is attributed by some investigators to its cell-surface association with the transmembrane phosphatase CD45 (Torimoto, Y. et al., J. Immunol. 1991, 147, 2514). The CD45 - DP-IV association is possibly disrupted by DP-IV inhibitors or non-active site ligands. CD45 is known to be an integral component of T-cell signalling.

- (b) Recently, a press release from the Pasteur Institute in Paris (and subsequently a presentation by A.G. Hovanessian at the 8th Cent. Gardes Meeting, Paris, 25-27th October 1993) reported that DP-IV was essential for the penetration and infectivity of HIV-1 and HIV-2 viruses in CD4° T-cells. The French group claimed that DP-IV interacted with and may have cleaved the V3 icop of the gp120 envelope glyco-protein of the virus. They also reported that inhibitors or antibodies to DP-IV successfully prevented entry of the virus into cells. It was known previously that there is a selective decrease of CD26 expression in T-cells from HIV-1 infected individuals (Valie-Blazquez, M. et al., J. Immuroi. 1992, 149, 3073), and that HIV-1 Tat protein binds to DP-IV (Subramanyam, M. et al., J. Immuroi. 1993, 150, 2544).
- (c) It has been shown recently that lung endothelial DP-IV is an athesion molecule for lung-metastatic rat breast and prostate carcinoma cells (Johnson, R.C. et al., J. Cell. Biol. 1993, 121, 1423). DP-IV is known to bind to fibronectin and some metastatic number cells are known to carry large amounts of fibronectin on their surface.
- (d) DP-IV has been shown to associate with the enzyme adenosine deaminase (ADA) on the surface of T-cells (Kameoka, J. et al., Science, 1993, 261, 466). ADA deficiency causes severe combined immunodeficiency disease (SCID) in humans. This ADA-CD26 interaction may provide clues to the pathophysiology of SCID.
- (e) High levels of DP-TV expression have been found in human skin fibroblast cells from patients with psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and lichen planus (Raynaud, F. et al., J. Cell. Physiol. 1992, 151, 378).
- (f) High DP-IV activity has been found in tissue homogenates from patients with benign prostate hypertrophy and in prostatosomes. These are prostate derived organelles important for the enhancement of spents forward motility (Vanhoof, G. et al., Eur. J. Clin. Chem. Clin. Biochem. 1992, 30, 333).

- (g) DP-IV has been shown to be responsible for the degradation and inactivation of circulating peptides with penultimate proline or alanine at the N-terminus, eg. substance P, growth hormone releasing factor and members of the glucagon/vasoactive intestinal peptide family (Menthein, R, et al., Eur. J. Biochem. 1993, 214, 829).
- (h) Raised levels of DP-IV have been observed in the gingiva of patients with periodonitis (Cox. S.W. et al., Arch. Oral. Biol. 1992, 37, 167).
- (i) There are also a number of other reports of raised (or sometimes lowered) levels of DP-IV in various pathological conditions.

It follows from the above that potent inhibitors of DP-IV may be useful as drugs for the treatment of human disease. Such inhibitors could be useful as:

- (a) Immunosuppressants, eg. in organ transplantation; cytokine release suppressants eg. in various autoimmune diseases such as inflammatory bowel disease, multiple solerosis, RA.
- (b) Drugs for the prevention of HIV entry into T-cells and therefore useful in the prophylaxis and treatment of AIDS.
- (c) Drugs for the prevention of metastases, particularly of breast and prostate tumours to the lungs.
- (d) Agents to test dermatological diseases, eg. psoriasis, lichen planus.
- (e) Drugs to suppress sperm mobility and therefore act as male contraceptive agents.
- (f) Agents beneficial in benign prostate hyperwophy.

Inhibitors of DP-IY

The only competitive inhibitors of DP-IV enzyme activity reported so far are the unstable boronic acids (t_1 30 - 90 min at pH 7) mentioned above. (Bachovchin et al., WO 91/16339. October 1991) having K_i values in the nanomolar range for DP-IV, and simple amino-acid pytrolidides or thiazolides (Neubert et al., DD 296 075 A5, November 1991) which have only modest potency ($K_i > 0.1 \mu M$). Amino-acyl proline aldehydes claimed in the same German patent cannot be synthesised due to a facile intramolecular condensation of the N-terminal artino group with the aldehyde function.

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We now disclose highly potent competitive inhibitors of DP-IV (with K_i values in the 10^{-6} - 10^{-10} range) which are also chemically stable ($t_i^2 > 24$ h). They fall into three broad groups of compounds (Groups I, II and III).

GROUP!

These are molecules designed to bind tightly in the active site of DP-IV and to inhibit its proteolytic activity without interfering with attachment of any accessory ligands which may bind to the surface of DP-IV (i.e. not at its active site). Such Group I compounds could be useful as immunosuppressants; anti-HIV infectivity agents; agents to suppress release of certain cytokines (eg. IL-2, IL-6, γ -INF) from activated T-cells. The boronic acids and pyrrolidides referred to earlier also fall into this category.

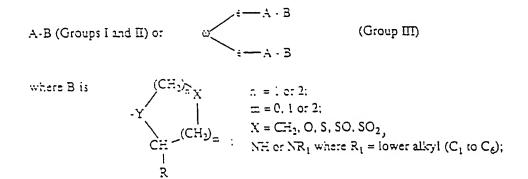
GROUP II

These are evolved from Group I compounds; however they contain long-chain extensions to the side-chains of the amino-acid defined as A in the general structure. The resulting compounds bind tightly to the active-site of DP-IV but the long-chain extensions produce from the enzyme active site and serve to prevent the attachment of any other ligand which may bind to the surface of DP-IV. Such compounds could have the same uses as Group I compounds but in addition could block the interaction of DP-IV with (i) CD45 (ii) the gp 120 V3 loop of HIV-1 (iii) turnour cell surface fibronectin (iv) any other ligand important for T-cell activation, virus entry into T-cells or turnour cell adhesion.

GROUP III

This group comprises novel dimers in which two active-site directed inhibitors of DP-IV are linked via the side-chains of their amino-acid residues designated A in the general structure by a long chain. Such dimers can inhibit two molecules of DP-IV concurrently and also prevent accessory ligands binding to the surface of DP-IV. These dimers would have the same uses as Group II compounds but may be more effective.

The invention provides inhibitors of DP-IV mediated processes, the inhibitors being of general formula:



A is attached to Y;

-Y = -N, -CH or -C (when the -CO group of A is replaced with CH= or CF=);

R = H, CN, CHO, B(OH)₂, C=C-R₇, or CH=N-R₃;

 $R_7 = H$. F. lower alkyl (C_1 to C_2). CN, NO₂, OR₃, CO₂R₃ or COR₃;

 $R_3 = Ph, OH, OR_9, OCOR_9, or OBn:$

 R_9 = lower alkyl ($C_1 \cdot C_5$); and either ν or both ϵ 's may be absent.

The structure of A is dependent on the nature of R in moiety B and on the nature of the group to which the resulting compound belongs.

Group I Compounds

(a) R = H

A is an α -amino-acyl group derived from an α -amino-acid bearing a cycloaliphatic side-chain (e.g. C_2 to C_{10} , meno or bicyclic) whose ring may contain one or more heteroatoms e.g. L-cyclohexylglycine, L-cyclopentylglycine, L-decahydronaphthylglycine, L-piperidylglycine;

Or

A is a \beta-amino-acyl group of general formula

where
$$p = 1 - 6$$
 and the ring may also contain one or more heteroatoms replacing CH_2 unit(s).

Both α and 3-amino acyl groups in (a) above may contain unsaturation in their rings e.g.

$$\bigcap_{\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{N}} \mathsf{Co}.$$

and also may contain one or more heteroatoms.

(b) $R = CN: C=C-R_7 \text{ or } CH=N-R_3$

A is as defined in (a) above but in addition may be derived from any L- α -amino acid bearing a lipophilic side-chain, eg. He.

(c) $R = CHO \text{ or } E(OH)_2$

A is a β-amino-acyl group as defined in (a) above. The resulting A-B compounds are stable, unlike α-aminoacyl derivatives of the same type which undergo a facile intramolecular cyclisation. In compounds (c) B(OH)₂ may be present as a boronate ester eg.

these being labile in water giving the free botonic acids.

Group II Compounds

Where R = H. CN, CEC- R_7 or CH=N- R_5 . A is an α -amino acid derivative whose side-chain carries a functional group which is derivatised to produce a long chain terminating in various groups R_5 . A may be of the following three types of structure:

(i)
$$H_2N$$
 (CH₂) $CO-D$ or H_2N (CH₂) CO_2-D^2

where a = 1 - 5; $D = G - (CH_2)_5 - (R_4)_q - R_3$; G = O, NH, or NMe; b = 0 - 12; q = 0 - 5;

 $D^1 = D$ with $G \neq 0$;

 $R_4 = Z-NH-(CH_2)_c$ - or $NH-Z-(CH_2)_c$ - where c = 1-12 and Z = CO, CH_2 or SO_2 : and

 $R_3 = CO_2H$ or ester (e.g. any lower alkyl, fluoroalkyl or cycloalkyl (C_1 to C_2), or aromatic or heteroaromatic (5 or 6-membered rings, mono- or bicylic) ester] thereof; CONH₂; CONHNH₂; CONR₃R₆; CONHNR₃R₆; PO₃H (or ester thereof e.g. as defined under CO₂H); SO₃H; SO₂NH₂; SO2NR5R6; OH: OR5; aryl or heteroaryl (e.g. 5 or 6-membered rings, monocyclic or bicyclic) [including substituted aryl or heteroaryl with substituents preferably chosen from F. Cl. I. Br. OH. OR5. NO2. SO_3H , SO_2NH_2 , $SO_2NR_3R_6$, NH_2 , NR_5R_6 , CO_2R_5 , CF_3 , CN, CH(:NR₅)NR₅R₅. NHCO₂R₅, CONR,R, $CONH_2$ NH-CH(:NR₅)NR₅R₅ and R₅]; NH₂; NR₅R₅; NHCO₂R₅; NHSO₂NR₅R₅; NHCOR; NH-SO2Rs; NH-CH(:NRs)NRsRs; NHCONRsRs; sugar (which may be anached via an ether or a glycosidic bond); CO-aminosugar (attached via the -NH2) eg. glucosamine or galactosamine; NHCO-aminosugar, or NHCS-aminosugar. In the above definition of R3 "sugar" refers to any carbohydrate or oligosaccharide, and R5 and R6 are independently selected from H and alkyl, fluorozikyl and cycloalkyl groups (of up to 8 atoms), aryl, heteroaryl and alkylheteroaryl groups (of up to 11 atoms) or R5 and R6

together comprise a chain and $(C_2 \text{ to } C_3)$.

$$(\exists) \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{H}_2N \\ \text{CO} \\ \text{I} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{H}_2N \\ \text{or} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{CO} \\ \text{I} \end{array}$$

where $R^1 = H$. Me; the ring may also contain more heteroatoms;

 $E = J_{-}(CH_{2})_{3} \cdot (R_{4})_{q} \cdot R_{3}; J = CO, CH_{2} \text{ or } SO_{2}; \text{ and } a, b, q, R_{3} \text{ and } R_{4}$ as defined under (i)

(iii)
$$H_2N$$
 or H_2N OL CO

where $R^2 = H$ or Me; the ring may also contain one or more heteroatoms;

$$L = (CH_2)_2 \cdot [CO]_1 \cdot (CH_2)_3 \cdot (R_4)_{q_1} \cdot R_3 \text{ or } (CH_2)_{e_1} \cdot NR^1 \cdot (CH_2)_{b_1} \cdot (R_4)_{q_2} \cdot R_3;$$

$$r = 0 \text{ or } 1: d = 0 \cdot 4: e = 2 \cdot 4: \text{ and } b, q, R_3 \text{ and } R_4$$
as defined under (i).

Group III

Group III compounds are defined by the general formula:

where $\omega = CH_2$, O, NH, CO, S, SO₂, Ph or NMe and, independently, $\varepsilon = CH_2$, O, NH, CO, S, SO₂, Ph or NMe.

These compounds are symmetrical dimers. They may have any B structure as defined previously. A may be chosen from any group II structure [(i), (ii) or (iii)], but in this case the terminal group R_3 in each A residue is deleted and replaced with a shared symmetrical group $[\epsilon - \omega - \epsilon]$ which connects the two halves of the climer, ω may be absent, in which case both ϵ 's are joined together to constitute the chain linking the two A-B moieties; alternatively both ϵ 's may be absent in which case ω solely joins the two A-B moieties.

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The structure of ϵ - ω - ϵ must of course be chemically feasible eg. NH-CO-NH, CO-NH-CO-, SO₂-NMe-SO₂; it will be obvious to those skilled in the art which structures are not feasible, eg. -NH-NH-NH-. A specific possible example is shown in Table 7.

In such compounds as described under Groups II and III certain -CH₂- groups present in the long chains could be replaced with known bioisosteres eg. -O- without affecting inhibitory or binding activity towards DP-IV. Also such groupings as -CONHCH₂CH₂NHCO if they occur could be replaced by eg.

Further, for compounds in Groups I, II and III any article bond connecting A and B or any article in the side-chains of A (in Groups II and III) may be replaced by known bioisosteres of articles eg.

-CO-N replaced by -CO-C
$$=$$
 CF=C $=$ -CH₂-N $=$ CH=C $=$ -CS-N

See Table 8 for examples of such replacements.

Biochemistry

All compounds were tested in vitro against pure human DP-IV (purchased from M & Ξ . Copenhagen, Denmark). Inhibition of DP-IV was determined using the fluorescent substrate Ala-Pro-AFC (K_m 0.8 μ M) at three concentrations for each inhibitor. A typical assay (total volume 0.4 ml) comprised sodium Hepes 83.3 mM, EDTA 1.67 mM, BSA 1.5 mg mi⁻¹ pH 7.8, DP-IV 25 μ U ml⁻¹, inhibitor (in 10 mM accetate pH 4.0). The reaction was started by the addition of substrate and readings taken every 30 s for 7.5 min, excitation at 395 nm, emission 450 nm. K₁ values were determined using Dixon plots.

Chemistry

152 Examples of compounds synthesised are shown in Tables 1 - 8 followed by schemes and experimental details for the preparation of different structural types. All final products were characterised by FAB mass spectrometry and purity assessed by reverse phase hpic; all intermediates were characterised by ¹H NMR.

Table 9 shows selected K_i values against DP-IV determined for inhibitors of different structural types.

Table 1 Examples of Group I (a)

$$A \stackrel{X}{\longrightarrow} R$$

No.	A	X	R	n	Formula	Calculated Mol. Wt.	FAB Mass
1	H,H II	c# _t	Н		C ¹¹ H ²² N ² O		197.2
2	H ₂ N O	CH₂	н	1	C,₂H _æ N₂O	210.2	211.2
3	H ₂ N	C∺₂	Н		C¹cH ²⁰ N ² O	184.2	135.2
4	H ₂ N O	c∺₂	Н	1	C ₁₂ H ₂₉ N ₂ O	208.2	209.2
5 cis	NH ₂ O	C∺₂	н	1	С ₁₁ Н ₂₆ N ₂ О	195.1	197.2

No.	А	X	Я	ה	Formula	Calculated	FAB Mass
6 trans		CH ₂	Н	1	C11H2N2O	195.1	197.2
7 trans	NH ₂	C∺₂	н	1	C;1H12N2O	194.1	195.2
8 trans	NH ₂ O	C∺₂	H	1	C₅N₅;H _{c:} O	182.1	183.2
9	NH, O	CH₂	н	1	C11H14N2O	190.1	191.2
10 trans	NH,	CH ₂	н	i	C:3H24N2O	224.2	225.2

Table 2 Examples of Group I (b)

$$R^1$$
 X $()_n$

		v	_	n!	0	Formula	Cala:ated	FAB Mass
No.	A 	X		н.		Formula	Mol. Wt.	spec.[M+H]+
11	H-IIIa	ĊH2	1	н	СИ	C11H13N3O	209.3	219.2
12	H-Lys(Z)	CH2	;	Н	СИ	C19H25N4O3	958 2	359.2
13	H-Pro	CH2	1	н	СИ	C ₁₀ H ₁₅ N ₃ C	193.1	194.1
14	HM	CH₂	1	н	CN	SC _E N _E ,H _e O	211.1	212.2
15	S EN S	C∺.²	1	н	СИ	C ₉ H₁₃N₃OS	211.1	2:2.2
16	H ₂ N O	CH₂	1	н	СИ	C13H21N3O	235.2	236.3
17	H ₂ N O	C∺₂	1	н	Си	C;2H;3N3O	221.2	222.2

						5 . — .I-	Calculated	FAB Mass
No.	A	X	u	וא	R	Formula	Mol. Wt.	spec. [M+H]*
15	H ₂ N 0	CH;	1	н	CH	C:1H15N3O	209.2	210.2
19 -	H-lle	S	i	н	CN	C ₁₃ H ₁₇ N ₃ OS	227.1	228.1
20	H-lie	S	1	CN	H	C _{1c} H ₁₇ N ₃ OS	227.1	228.1
21	H ₂ N O	5	1	н	ĆN	C ₁₂ H ₁₅ N ₃ OS	253.1	254.1
22	H-Lys(Z)	s	1	н	СN	C19H27N4O3S	376.2	377.2
23	H ₂ N II C	S	1	н	СИ	c;,H ₁₇ N308	239.1	240.2
24	H-IIe	0	í	н	CN	C10H17N3O2	211.1	212.2
25	H-Ile	CH ₂	2	н	CN	C12H21N3O	223.2	224.2
25	H-lle	S	2	H	СИ	C,,H,9N3OS	241.1	242.1
27	7 H-lle	SO₂	1	н	СИ	C 10H17N3O3	5 259.1	260.1
2	a H-lle	s*o	- 1	і Н	СИ	C10H17N3O2	S 243.1	244.1
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							Calculated	FAB Mass
Na.	A	Х	n	E,	R 	Formula	Mol. Wt.	spec. [M+H]+
30	NH ₂ O	CH ₂	1	Н	CN	C ₁₂ H ₁₉ H ₂ O	221.2	222.2
31	NH, O	CH₂	1	н	СN	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₃ O	221.2	222.2
32	C:	C∺₂	;	H	CN	C ₁₁ H ₁₇ H ₂ O	207.2	203.2
33	NH,	CH₂	1	н	CN	C ₁₁ H ₁₇ N ₃ O	207.2	208.2
3:	No. of the second secon	C∺₂		i }	ч Си	C ₁₂ H ₁₇ N ₃ O	219.1	220.1
3	5 NH,	C∺₂		1	н С	ı C₁₂∺₁ァNạ	₃ O 219.1	220.1

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No	Å	Х	n	a:	R	Formula	Calculated	FAB Mass
36	NH, O	C∺₂	i	н	ov.	C12H15W3O	Mol. Wt. 221.2	spec. [M+H]+ 222.2
37	NH, O	C∺³	1	н	CN	C ₁₂ H ₁₇ N ₃ O	219.1	220.1

Table 3
Examples of Group I (c)

No.	A	x	R	n	Formula		FAE Mass
33	NH ₂ O	C∺₂	сно	1	C ₁₂ ∺ ₂₀ N ₂ O ₂		225.2
3.9	H ² N	C∺₂	CHO	;	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ N ₂ O ₂	210.2	211.2
40	H ³ V. 100	C∺₂	CHO	1	C _{:1} H ₁₈ N ₂ O ₂	210.2	211.2
41	H,N 0	CH₂	8.	1	C ^ფ H ₃₃ 5N ₂ O ₃	360.3	361.3
42	NH, O	CH₂	8.	1	C ₂₁ H ₃₅ BN ₂ O ₃	374.3	375.1
43	ENH ₂ O	C∺³	9,	1	C ^{2;} H ³⁵ 2N ² O ³	374.3	375.1
44	NH ₂	CH₂	₿*	1	CziHzBN2O3	3723	373.3

No.	`	×	3	ล	Formula	Calculated Mol. Wt.	FAB Mass
#	Digital State of the State of t	C∺₂	3.	i	C ²¹ H ³³ SN ₂ O ₃		373.3

No.	2	Q	х	m	R	Formula	Calculated	FAB Mass
						, 0	Moi. Wt.	spec. (M+H)+
59	2	-00NH(0H ₂) ₅ 00 ₂ Br.	CH2	1	н	ರ≅ಗಿಸೆ⊬ೆರಿ¹	403.3	404.3
60	2	-CONH(CH ₂)5CO ² H	CH ₂	1	Н	C15H27N3C4	313.2	314.2
c1	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₂ CO ₂ H	೦೫ೣ	1	н	C12H2.N3O1	271.2	272.2
62	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₇ CO ₂ En	CH2	1	Н	C ²⁴ H ³² N ₃ O ₄	431.3	432.4
ಟ	2	-CONH(CH ₂)7CO ₂ H	CH2	;	н	C ₁₇ H ₂₁ N ₃ O ₄	341.3	342.5
64	2	.CONH(CH ₂) ₇ CONH. (CH ₂) ₃ NHZ	CH₂	1	н	೦ _ಡ ಟ್ಟಬ್ಯ೦್ಯ	531.3	532.3
ಟ	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₅ CONH- (CH ₂) ₅ CO ₂ Bri	CH ₂	1	н	೦ಜಟ್ಚಳ್ಳ0₅	S30.4	531.2
છ	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₆ CO ₂ H F ₂ CO ₂ (₂ HC)	೦ಗ್ಯ	1	н	೦ಹ್ಟ್ಗೆಚ್ಚ0ಕ	4 0.3	441.3
6/	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₇ CONH- (CH ₂) ₃ NH ₂	CH,	1	Н	೦ _{ನ್} ∺ _ಹ ೪₅೦₃	397.3	398.3
6 6	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₁₁ CO ₂ En	CH₂	1	н	೦ಜ∺್ಚ%್ರು,	467.3	488.4
ಟ	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₁₁ CO ₂ H	СН2	1	ĸ	C ₂ .H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₄	397.3	398.3
70	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₆ CO ₂ En	CH⁵	1	н	C ^{ವ್ಯ} ಗ್ವಿಗ₃೧₄	417.3	418.3
71	2	-CONH(CH ₂) _{\$} CO ₂ H	СН2	1	н	C ^{:6} H ^{&} N³O ⁴	327.2	323.2
72	2	·CONH(CH₂)₅CONH· CH₂CF₃	CH₂	1	н	C ₁₇ H ₂₆ F ₃ N ₄ O ₃	394 <i>2</i>	395.3

No.	n	Q	X	m	R	Formula	Calculated	FAB Mass
							Mol. Wt.	spec. [M+H]+
73	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₅ CONH- CH ₂ (CF ₂) ₂ CF ₃	CH ₂	1	н	C ₁₅ H ₂₅ F ₇ N ₄ O ₃	494.2	495.2
74	2	(CH ²) ² OH -CONH(CH ²) ² CONH-	CH ₂	1	н	C ⁵¹ H ⁷⁰ N ¹ O ¹	412.3	413.2
75	2	-CGNH(CH ₂)₃CONH-	CH₂	1	H	C ^{S1} H ²⁹ N ¹ O ²	430.3	431.2
75	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₅ CONH- (CH ₂) ₄ Pħ	CH ₂	1	н	C ^ಇ H್ಬ¹0³	444.3	44 5.2
77	2	(,5n)² -COMH(C∖+²)²COM	CH ₂	1	н	C [∞] H [™] N ⁴ O ³	424.3 .	425.3
78	. 2	-СОИН(СН ₂) ₅ СОИ-	CH ₂	1	н	C ₂₇ H ₅₂ N ₄ O ₃	430.4	481.4
79	2	-CONH(CH ₂)₅CONH CH ₂ Ph	CH₂	1	H	C ⁵⁵ H ²¹ N ¹ O ³	4023	403.4
ಏ	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₄ CO ₂ Bn	CH2	1	н	C ₂₁ H ₃₁ N ₃ O ₄	389.2	390.3
81	2	·CONH(CH ²) ⁴ CO ⁵ H	CH2	1	ы	C ₁₄ H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₄	299.2	300.3
62	2	CH ³ CONH	C∺₂	1	н	C¹¹H [™] N¹O³	340.3	341.3
83	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₅ OH	CH ₂	1	н	C ₁₅ H ₂₉ N ₃ O ₃	259.2	300.3
84	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₅ CO-1-Pip	CH ₂	1	Н	C ₂₀ H ₂₆ N ₄ O ₃	380.3	381.4
ಟ	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₅ CONH ₂	CH2	1	н	C15H23N4O3	312.2	313.3

					_		Calculated	FAB Mass
No	n	G	X	m		Formula 	Mol. Wt.	spec (M+H)+
8 ô	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₅ CCNH- (CH ₂) ₉ CH ₃	C'∹ <u>a</u>	1	H	C ⁷⁴ H ⁷⁵ H ⁷⁰ U ⁴ O ³	452.4	453.5
67	2	(СН ²) ² СН ³	3∺2	1	н	C [™] ∺¹¹¼10³	410.3	411.4
88	2	-CONH(CH ₂)4CONH-	2∹2	ï	н	೦ಜ∺್ಜಿ№03	408.3	439.4
89	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₃ CONH-	C∺⁵	1	H	C 25 H 41 N 5 O 5	503.3	504.4
90	2	(CH ² / ² NH ² -CONH(CH ²) ³ CONH-	c∺z	1	H	C13H33N3O3	369.3	370.3
91	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₃ -GUNH-	೮∺₂	. 1	÷	C ₁₅ H ₃₇ N ₇ O ₃	411.3	412.4
92	2	-СОИН(СН ₂)5СОИН- РГ(4-50 ₃ Н)	0∺ ₂	: 1	Ή	C ^{5;} H ²⁵ N ⁴ O ⁵ S	468.2	469.2
93	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₅ CONH-4-	CH;	2 1	н	C ²¹ H ⁴² N ₅ O ³	485.3	436.3
94	. 2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₅ CONH 4-Fip	СН	2	н	೧ ^೮ ೫ ^{೨೩} ೪ ^೨ ೦೨	395.3	396.3
9:	5 2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₄ N(Z)- (CH ₂) ₃ NHZ	CH	l _z	ı H	C ⁻²² H ⁴² N ⁵ O ⁵	595.3	596.3
9	5 2	CONH(CH ₂) ₄ NH-	S-	÷2	1 H	C ₁₆ H ₃₃ N ₅ O;	327.2	328.2

No	r	Q	X	m	R	Formula	Calculated	FAB Mass
							Mol. Wt.	spec. (M+H)+
97	2	-CONH(CH ₂) ₅ CO ₂ Bn	C∺₂	1	CN	೧ ^ವ ಚ ^ವ ಚ'0¹	423.3	429.3
98	3	-CONH(CH ₂) _€ CONH- (CH ₂) ₅ CO ₂ Bn	CH ₂	1	н	C [∞] ಗ್ ⁴⁵ ″¹೨²	544,4	£45.2
5 9	3	-CONH(CH ₂) ₅ CONH- (CH ₂) ₅ CO ₂ H	CH ₂	1	н	೦ ^ಬ H್ ^ನ	454.3	455.3
100	3	-CONH(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Sn	CH ₂	1	н	C ^{S2} H ³² N ³ C ⁴	417.3	418.2
101	3	-CONH(CH ₂) ₅ CO ₂ H	CH ₂	1	н	C15H2N3O1	327 <i>.</i> 2	326.2
102	2	-SO ₂ NH(CH ₂) ₅ CO ₂ H	CHz	1	H	C14H27N3O5S	349.2	350.2
103	?	ಂಲಗಿಗ(೧ಗ²)್ಣಿಸಿಗ-ಡಿ.	CH ₂	;	11	C ₂ ,H ₄₅ N ₅ O ₇ S	547:4	5 . 43.5

Table 5 Examples of Group II (ii)

No.	n	Q	X	m	R	Formula	Calculated Mol. Wt.	FAB Mass
104	;	-CO(CH ₂) ₆ CO ₂ H	CH₂	1	Н	C15H27N3O4	313.2	314.3
1డ	;	-CO(CH ₂) _€ CO ₂ Gn	CH₂	1	H	C [™] H™N³O¹	403.3	404.3
106	3	-00(0H ₂),400,H	CH ₂	;	H	C15H27N3O4	313.2	314.3
107	3	-CO(CH ₂) ₄ CO ₂ M ₂	CH ²	1	H	C ¹² H ⁵² N ³ O ⁷	327,2	329.3
100	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₅ NH ₂	CH2	1	н	C;5H32N4O2	312.3	313.3
109	٤	-CC(CH ₂) ₃ NH ₂	CH2	1	н	C14H29N4O2	284.2	265.2
110	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₂ NHSO ₂ ='5	CH2	1	н	C ₂₃ H ₂₇ F ₅ N ₄ O ₄ S	514.2	515.2
111	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₃ NHCOP5	C∺₂	1	H	C ₂₁ H ₂₇ F ₅ N ₄ O ₃	478.2	479.2
112	1	-CO(CH ₂) ₃ NHSO ₃ -	CH2	;	н	C ₁₅ H ₂₅ F ₃ N ₄ O ₄ S	430.2	431.3
113	4	-CO(CH _Z) ₁₁ NHCO- (CH _Z) ₆ NHZ	сн₂	1	н	C ₃₇ H ₅₃ N ₅ O ₅	657.5	658.6
114	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₁₁ NH-	CH₂	1	н	C ₂₈ H ₅₇ N ₅ O ₃	523.4	524.4

No.	ล	Q	Х	m	Ξ,	Formula	Calculated	FAB Mass
115	4	-CC(CH ₂) ₅ NHCO- (CH ₂) ₅ NHCO(CH ₂) ₅ . NHZ	CH ₂	1	8	C ₃₆ H ₅₀ N ₅ O ₅	Mol. Wt. 672.5	<u>scec. (M+H)+</u> 673.6
115	.4	-CO(CH ₂) ₅ NHCO- (CH ₂) ₅ NHCO(CH ₂) ₅ - NH ₂	CH3	1	E	C [⊠] ∺್ಬ್'C¹	536.4	539.4
117	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ H	CH2	1	:- .	C15H27N3O4	313.2	314.3
118	4	-CO(CH ²) ² CO ² E ²	CH ₂	1	H	c [∞] ಗ²ಜಬ³0¹	403.3	404.3
119	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₅ NH ₂	C∺₂	1	¥	C ₁₇ H ₅₄ N ₄ O ₂	325.3	327.3
120	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₇ NH ₂	SHZ	1	-	C;₃H _{3€} N₄O₂	340.3	341.3
121	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₁₆ Me	CH₂	1	=	CಜHಜN ₃ ೦ ₂	465.4	456.4
122	7	-CO(СН ₂) ₅ -Guз	CH₂	1	Ħ	C₁₃H ₃₆ N ₆ O ₂	358.3	369.3
123	4	·SO ₂ (CH ₂) ₇ CH ₃	CH ₂	1	- -	C:8H3:N3O3S	375.3	376.3
124	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₁₁ NH ₂	CH2	1	H	C ₂₂ H ₄₄ N ₄ O ₂	395.4	397.4
125	4	-ċoch⁵йнz	CH2	1	н	C20H2cN4O4	390.2	391.3
126	1	-CO(CH ₂)₂NHŻ	CH2	1	¥	C ₂₁ H ₃₂ N ₄ O ₄	404.2	405.3
127	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₃ NHZ	CH₂	1	Ħ	C22H34N4O4	418.3	419.3
129	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₂ NH ₂	CH₂	1	н	C ₁₂ H ₂₄ N ₄ O ₂	256.2	257.2

No.	п	Q	×	m	R	Formula	Calculated	FAB Mass
							Mol. Wt.	spec. [M+Hj+
129	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₅ NHZ	CH ₂	1	н	C ⁵¹ H ²⁹ N ⁴ O ⁴	445.3	447.4
130	4	-CCCH ₂ -Gua	CH ²	1	н	C13H25N5O2	2≤8.2	299.3
131	4	·CO(CH ₂) ₂ NH ₂	CH2	1	н	C13H26N4O2	270.2	271.3
132	4	-CO(CH ₂) ₂ -Gua	CH ⁵	1	н	C14H28N6O2	312.2	313.3
133	4	-00/0H ₂) ₃ -Gua	C∺₂	1	H	C15H20N5O2	325.3	327.3
134	4	-CC(CH ₂) ₅ -Gua	CH2	:	н	C17H34N6O2	354.3	355.3
135	4	-00(0H ₂) ₅ NH ₂	C∺₂	1	CN	C18H33N5O2	351.3	352.4
136	4	-CC(CH ₂) ₇ NH ₇	CH₂	1	CN	C15H35N5O2	385.3	36 5.3

Table 6 Examples of Group II (iii)

No.	R	£1	X	ก	Y	Formula	Calculated	FAB Mass
							Mol. Wt.	spec. [M÷H]+
137	н	-OCH ₂ CONH(CH ₂) ₅ - CO ₂ H	C∺3	1	н	C ₁₅ H ₂₇ N ₃ O ₅	325.2	330.3
136	н	-CCH ₂ CONH(CH ₂) ₅ - CO ₂ En	C∺ _ŧ	1	н	C ²² H ²¹ N ₂ O ₅	419.3	420.3
135	¥	-OCH ₂ CONH(CH ₂) ₂ - CO ₂ En	C∺₂	•	Н	C ₂₁ H ₃ .N ₃ O ₅	405.2	406.3
148	н	-00H ₂ CON'-(CH ₂) ₄ -	C∺ş	:	н	C;4H26N3O5	315.2	316.3
141	CH3	·CCH3	C∺z	1	н	C ₉ H _{:3} N ₂ O ₂	186.1	187.2
142	CH3	-00 ₂ H ₅	CH ₂	1	Н	C10H20N2O2	200.1	201.2
143	CH3	-O(CH ₂) ₅ CH ₃	сн₂	1	Н	C14H2N2O2	256.2	257.3
144	сн₃	CO ² B ³	C∺₂	1	н	C ²³ H ³⁵ N ₃ O ₅	433.3	434.3
145	СН3	-0CH₂CON∺(CH₂)₅-	C∺₂	:	н	C ₁₆ H ₂₈ N ₃ O ₅	343.2	344.3

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No.	R	R¹	X	n	Y	Formula	Calculated	FAB Mass
							Mol. Wt.	spec. [M+H]+
145	CH₃	-OCH ₂ CONH(CH ₂) ₄ ·	CH ₂	1	н	C ^ವ H ^ಮ ಿಗೆ℃ೆ	419.2	420.3
147	CH3	CO ² H	CH2	1	н	C ₁₅ H ₂₇ N ₃ O ₅	329.2	330.3

Table 7
Example of Group III

No.	Structure	Formula	Calculated Mol. Wt.	FAB Mass
145	H ₂ N CN H ₂ N CN CN CN CN CN CN CN	C ³⁵ H ²⁴ N ⁸ O ⁴	614.4	615.4

Table 8
Specific examples of compounds A-B, containing amide bond bioisosteres.

.cи	A-3 .	Formula	Calculated Mol. Wt.	FAB Mass
149	NH ₂	C ₁₁ H ₂₁ N	167.2	168.2
150	CN NH ₂	C ₁₂ H ₂₉ N ₂	192.2	193.2
151	NH ₂	C ₁₂ H ₂₅ N ₂	192.2	193.2
152	H ₂ N S	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ N ₂ S	200.1	201.2

Table 9 Selected K_i values against DP-IV.

No.	K _i (M)
2	5.4 × 10 ⁻⁵
7	7.5 × 10 ⁻⁵
11	2.2 x 10 ⁻⁹
20	1.7 x 10 ⁻⁹
23	5.0 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
35	3.7 x 10 ⁻³
38	9.8 × 10 ^{.3}
44	2.0 x 10 ⁻⁹
59	1.5 x 10 ⁻⁷
66	1.3 x 10 ⁻⁷
97	5.0 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
110	2.5 x 10 ⁻⁷
135	1.7 x 10 ⁻³
143	9.4 x 10 ⁻⁷
150	1.7 × 10-3

Schematic Representations for General Preparation of all Classes of Compounds

Table i

Compounds can be made by an adaption of the general route described by E. Schön et al., Bioi. Chem. Hoppe-Seyler, 1991, 372, 305-311.

Table 2

(a) R: -CN

Box-A-OH
$$+$$
 HN \longrightarrow NH₂ \longrightarrow PyBop \longrightarrow Box-A-N \longrightarrow NH₂ \longrightarrow PyTicline, imidazole \longrightarrow MCPBA \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow H-A-N \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow H+A-N \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow PyBop \longrightarrow Box-A-N \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow PyBop \longrightarrow Box-A-N \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow PyBop \longrightarrow Box-A-N \longrightarrow CN \longrightarrow PyBop \longrightarrow

(I)
$$\frac{PhNH_2}{Toluene, \Delta} = B\infty - A - N$$

$$= NPh$$

$$H^{+} \rightarrow H - A - N$$

$$= NPh$$

(I)
$$\frac{R^{1}ONH_{2}. HCl}{pyridine, DMF} = \frac{X}{N - OR^{1}} + \frac{X}{H \cdot A \cdot N} = \frac{X}{N - OR^{1}}$$
For $R^{1} = -Ac$

(II)
$$\frac{Py, Ac_2O}{CH_2Cl_2}$$
 Boc-A-N $N - OAc$ H^+ H-A-N $N - OAc$ $N - OAc$

(d)
$$R = -C = CR$$

(I)
$$\frac{Pn_3P, CBr_4}{Zn, CH_2Cl_2} \quad Boc-A-N \xrightarrow{X} ()_n$$

$$Br \quad (ii) \stackrel{:}{\sim} BuLi \quad H-A-N \xrightarrow{X} ()_n$$

$$Br \quad (iii) \stackrel{:}{\sim} R^{+}$$

Table 3

(a)
$$R = -B$$

Prepared by method of: W.W. Bachovchin et al.,

J. Biol. Chem., 1990, 265, 3738-3743.

(b)
$$R = CHO$$
 (I) $\xrightarrow{H^{+}}$ $H-A-N \xrightarrow{X}$ CHO

(W, P = Protecting groups; P1, P2 = Groups as described in corresponding tables)

(IV) was prepared via method of G. Luisi et al., Tet. Lett., 1993, 34, 2391-2392.

complete synthesis as above

(c) For R = H, modify above procedure as described for Table 1 examples.

Table 5

$$\exists \infty \cdot N \xrightarrow{\text{NHW}} \text{OH} \xrightarrow{\text{PyBop, CH}_2\text{Ci}_2. Et}_{\text{3}N} \text{B} \infty \cdot N \xrightarrow{\text{NHW}} \text{N} \xrightarrow{\text{NHW}} \text{N} \text{N} \text{H}_2$$

(i) modify
$$P \rightarrow P^1$$
 if required

(i) modify P → P¹
if required
(ii) POCl₃, pyridine,
imidazole

(b) R = H, modify above procedure as described for Table 1 examples.

Table 6

Use method described for Table 5 examples for preparation of (VI) from (V)

(a)
$$3 \times \frac{N}{H} \longrightarrow OH$$
 $5 \times \frac{N}{H} \longrightarrow OH$ $X \times \frac{N}{H} \longrightarrow V$ (VI)

(i) NaH (ii) R\frac{1}{2} - Br (iii) H\frac{1}{2} \text{ Normal of the completion of the

Table 7

Standard coupling, dehydration and deprotection sequence similar to above schemes.

Table 3

Thioamides were prepared by the method described by K. Clausen et al. Tetrahedron, 1981, 37, 3635-3639. Other amide bioisosteres can be prepared from literature precedent. (A.F. Spatola in "Chemistry and Biochemistry of Amino Acids, Peptides and Proteins", Vol. III. B. Weinstein Ed., Marcel Dekker, New York, 1983, p. 267).

Experimental Details for Specific Examples

EXAMPLE I

2-(S)-Cyano-1-isoleucylpyrrolidine (11)

Di-isopropylethylamine was added to a solution of H-ProNH₂. HCl (225 mg, 1.50 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (15 cm²) until the pH was adjusted to 9. BoolleONSu was added in one portion and the mixture stirred for 16 h, under a nitrogen atmosphere. The solvent was evaporated and the residue treated in the standard way, i.e. the residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate (60 cm²) and 0.3 N KHSO₄ solution (10 cm³). The organic layer was further washed with saturated NaCHO₃ solution (10 cm³), water (10 cm³) and brine (5 cm³). The solution was dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated at reduced pressure. The crude product was passed down a short plug of silica gel, eluting with hexane:ethyl acetate, (10:90 to 0:100) to yield 301 mg (92%) of BoolleProNH₂ as a colouriess foam.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ (ppm); 6.90 (1H, br.s); 5.51 (1H, br.s); 5.18 (1H, d, J = 9.6 Hz); 4.62 (1H, dd, J = 2.6, 7.0 Hz); 4.29 (1H, dd, J = 8.4, 9.2 Hz); 3.79 - 3.58 (2H, m); 2.36 (1H, m); 2.09 - 1.57 (5H, m); 1.43 (9H, s); 1.17 (1H, m); 0.95 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz); 0.90 (3H, t, J = 7.3 Hz).

Imidazole (84 mg, 1.24 mmol) was added to a solution of BoclleProNH₂ in dry pyridine (10 cm³), under a nicrogen autosphere. The solution was cooled to -35°C, before the dropwise addition of POCl₃ (0.25 cm³, 2.43 mmol). The reaction was stirred at -30°C to -20°C for 60 min. The solution was then evaporated and the crude residue subjected to column chromatography (silica gel) to yield 180 mg (94%) of 2-(S)-cyano-1-[N-(t-butoxycarconyi) isoleucyi]pyrrolidine as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ (ppm); 5.14 (1H, c, J = 9.2 Hz); 4.80 (1H, dd, J = 2.6, 7.1 Hz); 4.22 (1H, dd, J = 7.9, 9.1 Hz); 3.81 (1H, m), 3.71 (1H, m), 2.30 - 2.12 (4H, m); 1.75 (1H, m); 1.60 (1H, m); 1.42 (9H, s); 1.19 (1H, m); 0.97 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz); 0.91 (3H, t, J = 7.3 Hz).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃), δ (ppm); 171.7, 155.6, 118.0, 79.6, 56.0, 46.5, 46.0, 37.8, 29.6, 28.1, 25.0, 24.2, 15.2, 10.9.

Deprotection was carried out by sairting with mifluoroacetic acid for 60 min. Evaporation and lyophilisation from water afforded 60 mg of 2-(S)-cyano-1-isoleucylpymolidine (11) as a white, fluffy solid.

FAB Mass Spec: Calculated 209.3, Found $(M+H)^+ = 210.2$.

¹H NMR (D_2O), δ (ppm); 4.3 (1H, m); 3.64 (1H, d, J = 5.6 Hz); 3.16 (2H, m); 1.86 - 1.48 (5H, m); 0.98 (1H, m); 0.68 (1H, m); 0.51 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz); 0.38 (3H, t, J = 7.3 Hz).

¹³NMR (D₂O), δ (ppm); 169.7, 119.7, 57.3, 48.6, 48.1, 36.9, 30.2, 25.8, 24.5, 15.4, 11.5.

EXAMPLE TWO

H-Glu[NH(CH2)7CONH(CH2)3NHZ]p7Trolidide (64)

$$O \xrightarrow{NH(CH_2)_7CONH(CH_2)_3NHZ}$$

$$H_2N \xrightarrow{O}$$

Di-isopropylethylamine was added to a solution of BocGiu(OH)pyrrolidide (193 mg, 0.64 mmol) and PyBop (500 mg, 0.96 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (6 cm³) to adjust the pH of the mixture to 9. After stirring for 5 min, a solution of benzyl 8-amino-octanoate (220 mg, 0.77 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 cm³) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temp for 16 h. The reaction was worked up in the standard procedure as described in example one. The crude residue was subjected to column chromatography (1% to 3% methanol in ethyl acetam) to obtain 344 mg (99%) of BocGlu[NH(CH₂)₇CO₂Bn]pyrrolidide as a colourless solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ (ppm); 7.35 (5H, s); 6.63 (1H, b.t., J = 6.7 Hz); 5.65 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz); 5.11 (2H, s); 4.36 (1H, dt, J = 2.6, 8.9 Hz); 3.55 - 3.20 (6H, m); 2.34 (2H, t, J = 7.3 Hz); 2.26 (2H, dd, J = 5.6, 7.3 Hz); 2.11 - 1.48 (10H, m); 1.43 (9H, s); 1.32 - 1.27 (6H, m).

Hydrogen gas was bubbled through a solution of BocGlu[NH(CH₂)₇CO₂Bn]pyrrolidide (230 mg, 0.43 mmol) in ethyl acetate ($10 \, \mathrm{cm}^3$), containing 10% palladium on charcoal (50 mg). After 90 min, the reaction vessel was flushed with nitrogen, the solution filtered through a pad of celite and the solvent evaporated to yield $187 \, \mathrm{mg}$ (98%) of BocGlu[NH(CH₂)₇CO₂H]pyrrolidide as a colourless oil.

Di-isopropylethylamine was added to a solution of BocGlu[NH(CH₂)₇CO₂H]pyrrolidide (125 mg, 0.28 mmol) and PyBop (221 mg, 0.43 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 cm³) to adjust the pH of the solution to 9. After stirring for 5 min, a solution of ZNH(CH₂)₃NH₂. HCl (90 mg, 0.37 mmol) and di-isopropylethylamine (38 mg, 0.37 mmol) was added in one portion. The solution was stirted for 18 h then treated in the standard procedure as described for example one. The crude residue was subjected to column chromatography (2% to 15% methanol in ethyl acetate) to afford 151 mg (85%) of BocGlu[NH(CH₂)₇CONH(CH₂)₃NHZ]pyrrolidide as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ (ppm); 7.35 (5H, s); 6.60 (1H, br.t, J = 7.2 Hz); 6.14 (1H, br.t, J = 7.2 Hz); 5.63 (1H, d, J = 3.3 Hz); 5.39 (1H, br.t, J = 5.6 Hz); 5.10 (2H, s); 4.38 (1H, dt, J = 2.3, 9.2 Hz); 3.52 - 3.13 (10H, m); 2.26 (2H, t, J = 6.9 Hz); 2.17 (2H, t, J = 7.6 Hz); 1.98 - 1.48 (12H, m); 1.44 (9H, s); 1.38 - 1.23 (6H, m).

A solution of BocGiu[NH(CH₂)₇CONH(CH₂)₃NHZ]pyrrolidide (14 mg, 0.022 mmol) in 4N HCl/dioxan was stirred for 45 min. The solvent was evaporated and the residue dissolved in water, filtered and lyophilised to yield 13 mg of H-Glu[NH(CH₂)₇CONH(CH₂)₃NHZ]pyrrolidide (64) as a colourless oil.

FAB Mass Spec: Calculated 531.3, Found $(M+H)^* = 532.3$.

EXAMPLE THREE

H-Lys[CO(CH₂)₃NHSO₂Pfp]pytrolicide (110)

ZNH(CH₂)₃CO₂NSu (570 mg, 1.7 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of 1-[N-(t-butoxycarbonyl)] pyrrolidine (745 mg, 2.2 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂. The pH was adjusted to 9 with di-isopropylethylamine and the mixture stirred for 60 min. The solvent was evaporated and the residue treated in the standard procedure as described for example one. Column chromatography (100% ethyl acetate to 15% methanol in ethyl acetate) afforded 620 mg (68%) of BocLys[CO(CH₂)₃NHZ]pyrrolidide.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ (pp:n): 7.42 (5H, s): 6.31 (1H, br.; J = 6.5 Hz): 5.58 (1H, d, J = 8.9 Hz): 5.39 (1H, br.; J = 6.9 Hz): 5.17 (2H, s): 4.44 (1H, m): 3.72 - 3.20 (8H, m): 2.29 (2H, t, J = 7.3 Hz): 2.14 - 1.83 (8H, m): 1.78 - 1.41 (4H, m): 1.43 (9H, s).

Hydrogen gas was bubbled through a mixture of BocLys[CO(CH₂)₃NHZ]pyrrolidide (620 rng, 1.16 mmol) and 10% palladium on charcoal in methanol (10 cm³) containing one molecular equivalent of 2N HCl. After 60 min, the reaction was flushed with nitrogen, and filtered through celite. Evaporation of the solvent afforded 282 mg (49%) of BocLys[CO(CH₂)₃NH₂, HCl]pyrrolidide. This product was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 cm³) and stirred, under a nitrogen atmosphere. Di-isopropylethylamine was added to adjust the pH to 9 before the introduction of pentatioorobenzenesulfonyl chloride (45 mg, 0.17 mmol). This mixture was stirred for 16 h. The solvent was evaporated and the crude material treated in the standard procedure described in example one. Column chromatography (100% ethyl acetate to 10% methanol in ethyl acetate) afforded 33 mg (31%) of BocLys[CO(CH₂)₃NHSO₂Pfp]pyrrolidide as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ (ppm); 7.19 (1H, br.t, J = 6.3 Hz); 6.18 (1H, br.t, J = 6.6 Hz); 5.50 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz); 4.38 (1H, m); 3.65 - 3.16 (8H, m); 2.36 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz); 2.01 - 1.82 (8H, m); 1.69 - 1.41 (4H, m); 1.43 (9H, s).

This product was stirred in trifluoroacetic acid (10 cm³) for 30 min. The solvent was evaporated and the residue dissolved in water, filtered and lyophilised to yield 30 mg of H-Lys[CO(CH₂)₃NHSO₂Pfp]Prl (110) as a colourless oil.

FAB Mass Spec: Calculated 514.2; Found $(M+H)^+ = 515.2$.

EXAMPLE FOUR

H-Thr[(CH₂)₅CH₃]pyrrolidide (143)

$$H_2N$$
 N
 N

Pytrolidine (0.88 g, 12.4 mmol) was added to a solution of BocThrONSu (3.0 g, 9.5 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (30 cm³), under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction was stirred for 60 min at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was treated in the standard procedure as described for example one. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 30:70) to afford 2.50 g (96%) of 1-[N-(t-butoxycarbonyl)]

¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ (ppm); 5.52 (1H, d, J = 6.5 Hz); 4.30 (1H, d, J = 7.4 Hz); 4.16 (2H, m); 3.72 (1H, m); 3.46 (3H, m); 1.98 - 1.82 (4H, m); 1.43 (9H, s); 1.19 (3H, d, J = 7.1 Hz).

Sodium hydride (17 mg, 0.70 mmoi) was added to a solution of 1-[N-(t-butoxycarbonyi) threonyl]pyrrolidine in dry THF, at 0°C, under a nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 15 min before the introduction of n-hexyl iodide (200 mg, 0.94 mmol). The reaction was then allowed to stir at room temperature for 16 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue created in the standard manner as described in example one. The crude product was subjected to column chromatography (hexanetethyl acetate, 40:60) to afford 25 mg (10%) of BocThr[(CH₂)₅CH₃]pyrrolidide (143).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ (pgm); 5.50 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz); 4.48 (1H, m); 3.70 - 3.32 (7H, m); 1.92 - 1.80 (6H, m); 1.52 (2H, m); 1.42 (9H, s); 1.30 (6H, m); 1.22 (8H, d, J = 6.9 Hz); 0.83 (3H, t, J = 7.9 Hz).

BocThr[(CH₂)₅CH₃]pyrrolidide (20 mg, 0.06 mmol) was stirred in 4N HCVdioxan (5 cm³) for 60 min. The solvent was evaporated, the residue taken up in water, filtered and lyophilised to yield H-Thr[(CH₂)₅CH₃]pyrrolidide (20 mg) as an orange oil. The product was purified by reverse phase HPLC to afford 15 mg of (143) as a colourless oil.

FAB Mass Spec: Calculated 256.2. Found $(M+H)^+ = 257.3$.

EXAMPLE FIVE

H-Le-w(CH=CH]Pyrrolidide (149)

1.6 N Buryl lithium (0.50 cm³, 0.76 mmc) was added to a stirred solution of cyclopentyl triphenyphosphonium bromide (237 mg, 0.59 mmol) in dry THF (6 cm³), under a nitrogen atmosphere, maintaining the temperature 2: -30°C. After stirring for 60 min, the solution was further cooled to -50°C subsequent to the dropwise addition of a solution of N-(t-butoxycarbonyl)-L-isoleucinal (125 mg, 0.58 mmol, prepared by the method of Fehrentz and Castro, Synthesis, 1983, 676), in dry THF (4 cm³). After the final addition, the reaction was allowed to slowly attain from temperature, over 3.5 h.

The reaction was quenched with saturated artiforities colution (2 cm³). This was diluted with water (10 cm³) and extracted with disthyl ether (3 x 20 cm³). The combined ethereal layers were washed with water (10 cm³), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated to yield 187 mg (>100%) of crude product. Column chromatography (90:10, hexane:Et₂O) afforded 53 mg (34%) of Boc-lie- ψ [CH=CH]pyrrolidide as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ (ppm); 0.84 (3H. ; J = 6.9 Hz); 0.91 (3H, d, J = 7.3 Hz); 1.08 (1H, m); 1.44 (9H, s); 1.45 (1H, m); 1.64 (5H, m); 2.24 - 2.45 (4H, m); 4.08 (1H, br.s); 4.41 (1H, br.s); 5.12 (1H, dt, J = 2.3, 8.9 Hz).

¹³C NMR(CDCl₃) ε (ppm); 155.8, 147.4, 119.1, 79.2, 54.8, 40.1, 34.2, 29.6, 28.9, 26.8, 26.6, 26.1, 15.0, 12.1.

Treatment of this product with 4N HCVClexan for 35 min removed the Boc-protecting group. The reaction was evaporated, the residue dissolved in water, filtered and lyophilised to yield 24 mg (63%) of H-lie-w(CH=CH)pyttolidide (149) as a foamy solid.

FAB Mass Spec: Calculated 167.2. Found $(M+H)^* = 168.2$.

EXAMPLES SIX AND SEVEN

H-lle((2R)-cyano-ψ(CH=CH)pyπolidide) (150) H-lle((2S)-cyano-ψ(CH=CH)pyπolidide) (151)

$$CN$$
 NH_2
 CN

N-(t-Butoxycarbonyl)-L-isoleucinal (2.40 g. 11.2 mmol) and 2-oxy-1-triphenyl-phosphoranecyclopentane (4.61 g. 13.4 mmol, prepared by method of H.O. House and H. Babed. J. Org. Chem., 1963, 23, 90) were heated, at reflux, in toluene, under a nitrogen atmosphere. After 15 h, the mixture was cooled, and the solvent evaporated. Column chromatography (80:20, hexane:ethyl acetate) of the crude residue afforded 2.33 g (74%) of Boelle- ψ [CH=CH]pytrolidin-2-one as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ (ppm); 6.29 (1H, dt, J = 2.6, 9.2 Hz); 4.59 (1H, br.d); 4.17 (1H, m), 2.82 (1H, m); 2.66 - 2.50 (2H, m); 2.34 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz); 1.96 (2H, q, J = 7.6 Hz); 1.44 (1H, m); 1.43 (9H, s); 1.12 (1H, m), 0.89 (3H, d, J = 5.3 Hz); 0.88 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz).

Diethylcyanophosponoacetate (0.30 cm³, 1.92 mmol) was added to a solution of Booke-w(CH=CH)pymolidin-2-one (180 mg, 0.64 mmol) and LiCN (0.5 M in DMF, 3.84 cm³, 1.92 mmol) in dry DMF (2 cm³), under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The mixture was diluted with water (20 cm³) and then extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 30 cm³). The combined organic layers were washed with water (5 x 10 cm 3), dried (Na $_2$ SO $_4$) and evaporated to afford 360 mg (>100%) of crude product. A portion of this crude cyano-phosphonate (284 mg, 0.64 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF, and stirred under nitrogen. terr-Butanol (47 mg, 0.64 mmol) was added, followed by the dropwise addition of a solution of samarium (II) iodide (0.1 M in THE, 19.2 cm³, 1.92 mmol). After the final addition, the reaction was stirred for a further 30 min before the addition of 2N HCl (20 cm³). The mixture was extracted with distinct ether (3 x 30 cm³). The combined ethereal layers were washed with 10% Na₂S₂O₃ solution (10 cm³), water (2 x10 cm³) and brine (2 x 10 cm³). The solution was dried (Na₂SO₄), evaporated and the crude residue subjected to column chromatography (90:10. hexane:ethyl acetate) to yield 122 mg (66%) of a diastereometric mixture of Bocle[2-(RS)-cyano-ψ(CH=CH)pyttolidine] as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ (ppm); 5.52 (1H, d, J = 9.6 Hz); 4.5 (1H, br.s); 4.12 (1H, \pm); 5.35 (1H, \pm); 2.57 (1H, \pm); 2.38 (1H, \pm); 2.17 (1H, \pm); 1.91 (2H, \pm); 1.69 (2H, \pm); 1.53 (1H, \pm); 1.43 (9H, s); 1.12 (1H, \pm); 0.92 (1.5 H, d, J = 7.3 Hz); 0.91 (1.5 H, d, J = 7.3 Hz); 0.89 (1.5 H, d, J = 6.6 Hz); 0.86 (1.5 H, d, J = 6.9 Hz).

Treatment of this diastereomenic mixture with 4N HCl/dioxan for 60 min removed the protecting group. Evaporation of the solvent and subsequent reverse phase HPLC of the residue afforded the two pure diastereomers.

(150), (47 mg, 60%) FAB Mass Spec: Calculated 192.2, Found (M+H)⁺ = 193.2 (151), (28 mg, 36%) FAB Mass Spec: Calculated 192.2, Found (M+H)⁺ = 193.2.

Preparative methods described herein in relation to Tables 1 - 8 and in examples one to seven form part of the present invention.

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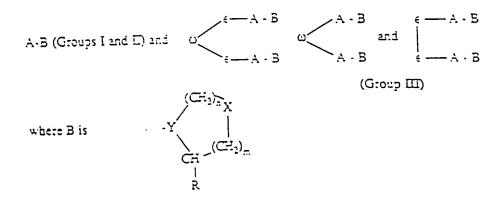
Abbreviations

Вос tert-Butyloxycarbonyl Вa Benzyl Bovine serum albumin **BSA** -Bu n-Buryl Ch Cyclohexyl DMF Dimethylformamide DMD Dess-Martin Periodane **EDTA** Ethylenediaminetetrascedo soid FAB Fast atom bombardment Gua Guanidinyl HPLC High performance liquid chromatography 7.H:n n-Hexyl Mass Spec Mass spectrometry **ECPBA** meta-Chloroperbenzoia acid Moi Wt Molecular weight ONSu N-O-Succinimida Pio Pentafluorophenyl Ρħ Phenyl P:p Piperidyl Pri Pyrrolidida PyPyridine Benzotriazole-l-yl-oxy-tris-pytrolidino-phosphonium РуВор hexafluorophosphate WSCD Water soluble carbodiimide

- Benzyloxycarbonyl

CLAIMS

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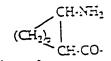


r. = 1 or 2:

m = 0, 1 or 2;

 $X = CH_2$, O. S., SO, SO₂, NH or NR₁ where R₁ = lower alkyl (C₁ to C₆); -Y=-N, -CH or =C (when the -CO group of A is replaced with -CH= or-CF=); $R = H, CN, CHO, B(OH)_2, C=C-R_7, or CH=N-R_3$ where $R_7 = H, F, lower alkyl (C₁ to$ C₅), CN, NO₂, OR₅, CO₂R₅ or COR₅; R₉ = lower alkyl (C₁ to C₆); R₃ = Ph. OH, OR₅, OCOR, or OBn: A is attached to Y; and wherein for the Group I compounds

(a) when R is H. A is an a-amino-acyl group derived from an a-amino-acid bearing a cycloaliphatic side-chain or is a fi-amino-acyl group of general formula



where p is 1 to 6, the ring in either case optionally having unsaturation and/or heteraatom substitution:

- (b) when R = CN, $C=C-R_7$ or $CH=N-R_3$, A is as defined at (a) and in addition may be derived from any L-a-amino acid bearing a lipophilic side-chain;
- (c) and when R = CHO or $B(OH)_2$, A is a β -amino-acyl group as defined under (a);

for the Group E compounds, R is H. CN, C=C-R7 or -CH=N-R3 and A is

(i)
$$H_2N$$
 $CO-D$ CO CO_2 CO_2-D^1

where a = 1 - 5; $D = -G - (CH_2)_b - (R_4)_c - R_3$; G = 0, NH or NMe; b = 0 - 12; c = 0- 5; $D^1 = D$ with G = 0; $R_4 = Z-NH-(CH_2)_c$ - or NH-Z-(CH₂)_c- where c = 1 - 12and Z = CO, CH_2 or SO_2 ; $R_3 = CO_2H$ or ester thereof, $CONH_2$, $CONHNH_2$, $CONR_3R_6$, $CONFINR_3R_6$, PO_3H or ester thereof, SO_3H , SO_2NH_2 , $SO_2NR_5R_6$, OH, OR5, substituted or unsubstituted anyl or heteroary!, NH2, NR5R6, $NHCO_2R_5$, $NHSO_2NR_5R_6$, $-NHCOR_5$, $NH-SO_2R_5$, $NH-CH(:NR_5)NR_5R_6$, NHCONR₅R₅, sugar, CO-aminosugar, NHCO-aminosugar or -NHCSaminosugar, and R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from H and lower altry). fluoroalkyl and cycloalkyl groups of up to 8 atoms and aryl, heteroaryl and alkyl heteroaryl groups of up to 11 atoms or R_{δ} and R_{δ} may together comprise a

chain (C₃ to C₃); or is

(ii)
$$H_2N$$
 (CH₂), NR¹E or CO

where $R^1=H$ or Me, the ring may contain more heterostoms, $\Xi=$ $J_{-}(CH_{2})_{b^{-}}(R_{4})_{q^{-}}R_{3}$, $J_{-}=CO_{+}$, CH_{2} or SO_{2} , and a, b, c, R_{3} and R_{4} are as defined under (i); or is

(iii)
$$H_2N$$
 or H_2N OL

where $R^2 = H$ or Me, the ring may contain one or more heteroatoms, and $L = (CH_2)_{q^{-}}[CO]_{r^{-}}(CH_2)_{s^{-}}(R_4)_{q^{-}}R_3 \text{ or } (CH_2)_{q^{-}}NR^1 \cdot (CH_2)_{s^{-}}(R_4)_{q^{-}}R_3 \text{ where}$ r = 0 or 1, d = 0 - 4, e = 2 - 4, and 0, q. R_3 and R_4 are as defined under (3):

and for the Group III compounds, each B may have any identity defined therefor above, each A may be chosen from any Group II structure (i), (ii) or (iii) above with the terminal groups R_3 in the A residues replaced with a shared group - ϵ - ω - ϵ or - ϵ - ϵ -or - ω -, and ϵ and ω are selected independently from CH_2 , O, NH, CO, S, SO_2 , Ph and NMe;

and wherein in Groups II and III at least one CH_2 group in a chain may be replaced by a biolisostere thereof or any amide group which connects A and B in a Group I, II or III compound or which is in a side-chain of A in a Group II or III compound may be replaced by an amide biolisostere.

- An inhibitor of a DP-IV mediated process selected from examples 1 152 of Tables 1 to 8 berein.
- 3. The use of a compound according to claim 1 or 2 for the preparation of a medicament for inhibiting DP-IV mediated processes.
- A method of treating or preventing disorder due to a DP-IV mediated process in a patient, which comprises administering to the patient a DP-IV inhibiting amount of compound according to claim 1 or 2.
- 5. A pharmaceutical composition containing a DP-IV inhibiting amount of compound according to claim 1 or 2

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	because they relies to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international seach can be carried out, specifically:
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	Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).
Box II	Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)
This Inter	naugnal Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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Lack of conciseness

The definition of the following substituent(s) is too general and/or encompasses too broad a range of totally different chemical groups, only partly supported by examples given in the descriptive part of the application:

A. B. e, w

The number of theoretically conceivable compounds resulting from the combination of all claimed substituents of above list precludes a comprehensive search. Guided by the spirit of the application and the inventive concept as disclosed in the descriptive part of the present application the search has been limited to the following case(s):

Examples 1-7

(Cf. Arts. 6, 15 and Rule 33 PCT, Guidelines Exam. Part B, Chapt. III, 3.6, 3.7)